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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. SON-2871	
Application No. 10/725,386	Filing Date December 3, 2003	Examiner Mitchell R. Slavitt	Art Unit 2651		
Applicant(s): Yasuaki Kano et al					
Invention: TAPE DRIVE APPARATUS					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In full and timely response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.